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1. IN MEETING WITH UPKK'S SACHENKO DEC. 13, PORTER AND WHITE WERE GIVEN TWO COPIES OF THE GORKIY FLOOR PLANS, CONTAINING "ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVES". ONE COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/EX ASAP; BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE DIFFERENCES SHOWN BETWEEN THESE NEW PLANS AND THE ONES RECEIVED PREVIOUSLY AND FORWARDED ARE SUMMARIZED AND COMMENTED UPON BELOW. THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE PLANS EMPHASIZED THAT THESE WERE ONLY ALTERNATIVES, PRESUMABLY FOR OUR CONSIDERATION IN PREPARING US REPLIES TO REFS A AND B. KAP DOES NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS THESE ALTERNATIVES WITH THE PROJECT ENGINEER PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF DEPT'S OVERALL RESPONSE.

2. THE ALTERNATIVE PLANS JUST RECEIVED WILL BE CALLED "DEC 13 PLANS". THE PREVIOUS SET OF PLANS, REFERRED TO IN REFS. A AND B, WILL BE CALLED "NOV 18 PLANS".

3. AREA A-01 ENTRY: THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE A-03 SIDE OF THE PILLAR AT THE CORNER OF A-04/A-01 AND THE PARTITION ON THE A-04 SIDE OF A-03 HAD BEEN DECREASED FROM 220 CM (NOV 18 PLANS)
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TO 180 CMS (DEC 13 PLANS) BY MOVING A-03 CLOSER TO FRONT OF BLDG. (SEE ALSO PARA 4, A-03 AND PARA 9, A-22/A-23, BELOW).

4. AREA A-03 TOILET: (SEE ALSO DISCUSSION OF A-03, REF B.) A SECOND SINK HAS BEEN ADDED WHERE ONE IS SHOWN ON NOV 18 PLANS; BUT NOT ONLY HAS THE DOOR NOT BEEN RETURNED TO KNOOP'S LOCATION, BUT

THE PARTITION ON THE STAIRWELL NO. 1 SIDE OF A-03 (NOV 18 PLANS) HAS BEEN WIDENED INTO A 30 CM-THICK WALL. ALSO, ALTHOUGH THE DIMENSIONS OF THE ROOM ARE UNCHANGED, THE PARTITION ON THE A-04 SIDE OF A-03 HAS BEEN MOVED 40 CM TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE BLDG, THUS MOVING THE ENTIRE ROOM FORWARD. (SEE ALSO PARA 3, A-01, ABOVE AND PARA 9, A-22/A-23, BELOW.)

5. AREA A-11 LAUNDRY/STORAGE. THE DEC 13 PLANS SHOW A CLOSET IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE A-10/A-11 CORNER OF THE ELEVATOR SHAFT AND THE DOORWAY INTO A-11. THE DIMENSIONS ARE 50 CMS DEEP BY 200 CM LONG, WITH A DOUBLE FOLDING DOOR OPENING INTO A-11.

6. AREA A-13 BATH. THE BATH WHICH APPEARS ON NOV 18 PLANS IN FRONT OF THE REAR ELEVATOR AND ADJACENT TO THE TRASH CHUTE ON 2ND FLOOR IS NOW LABELED "A-13", BUT IS UNCHANGED.

7. AREA A-14 CLOSET. (SEE ALSO II-1, REFS A AND B.) DISTANCE BETWEEN OUTSIDE WALL AND PARTITION BETWEEN A-14 AND A-26 NOW 150 CM, VICE 190 CM (NOV 18 PLANS). DEPTH REMAINS SAME, AND WINDOW STILL BLOCKED. (SEE ALSO PARA 10, AREA A-26 BELOW.)

8. AREAS A-20 BATH AND A-21 DRESSING. (SEE ALSO II-1 AND II-2, REFS A AND B.) POSITION OF THESE TWO ROOMS IS REVERSED FROM NOV 18, PLANS, WITH A-20 ON OUTSIDE WALL AND A-21 IN INSIDE POSITION. DIMENSIONS OF BOTH ROOMS REMAIN THE SAME. WINDOW NOW MORE FORMIDABLY BLOCKED THAN ON NOV 18 PLANS.

9. AREAS A-22 BATH AND A-23 DRESSING. THE POSITION OF THESE TWO ROOMS HAS ALSO BEEN REVERSED FROM NOV 18 PLANS. A-23 NOW OCCUPIES AREA WHERE A-22 WAS (NOV 18 PLANS), WITH NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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DIMENSIONS THE SAME AS NOV 18'S A-22 WERE. A-22 NOW OCCUPIES AREA WHERE A-23 WAS (NOV 18 PLANS), WITH NEW DIMENSIONS OF 160 CM BY 230 CM, VICE 120 CM BY 230 CM (NOV 18 PLANS). THE ADDITIONAL 40 CM CAME FROM MOVING A-03 AND THUS THE A-03/A-23 PARTITION, CLOSER TO THE FRONT WALL. (SEE PARA 4, AREA A-03 ABOVE.) DOORS TO THESE ROOMS ARE UNCHANGED.

10. AREA A-26 STORAGE. (SEE II-1, REFS A AND B.) LOCATION UNCHANGED FROM NOV 18 PLANS. DIMENSIONS OF ROOM NOW 180 CM DEEP BY 210 CM WIDE, VICE 140 CM BY 210 CM, (NOV 18 PLANS). (SEE PARA 7, AREA A-14 ABOVE).

11. AREA B-06 BEDROOM. SECTION OF PARTITION FORMING DOORWAY BETWEEN B-01 AND B-18 ON B-06 SIDE (NOV 18 PLANS) IS MOVED 20 CM TOWARD BACK OF BLDG, MAKING IT FLUSH WITH B-06 DOOR OPENING. SHOWER IN B-08 ALSO MOVED 90 CM TOWARD FRONT OF BLDG (SEE PARA 12, B-08, BELOW.) THIS MOVES B-06 DOORWAY 100 CM OUT INTO B-18, AND CREATES SMALL ENTRY AREA. DOOR

OPENS INWARD TOWARD FRONT OF BLDG.

12. AREA B-08 BATH (SEE B-08, REF B). BATHROOM NOW CONFIGURED- WITH BATHTUB ON B-10 WALL; TOILER ON B-09 WALL? TWO SINKS IN STAIRWELL NO. 1/ELEVATOR CORNER (WHERE BATHTUB WAS IN NOV 18 PLANS; AND SHOWER; WITH NEW DIMENSIONS OF 90 CM BY 90 CM, JUTTING OUT INTO B-18 AREA. (SEE PARA 11, B-06, ABOVE.) B-08 DOOR NOW OPENS INWARD TOWARD FRONT OF BLDG.

13. AREAS B-13 CLOSET AND B-15 BATH. (SEE II-1 AND II-2, REFS A AND B.) DIMENSIONS OF WHOLE AREA UNCHANGED, BUT RECONFIGURED WITH CLOSET B-13 NOW IN AREA WHERE B-15'S BATHTUB WAS SHOWN ON NOV 18 PLANS, DIMENSIONS 190 CM WIDE BY 70 CM DEEP, AND DOUBLE DOORS OPENING OUT INTO B-14. BATH B-15 OCCUPIES REMAINDER OF THE SPACE, WITH ENTRY DOOR FACING STAIRWELL NO. 2 AND OPENING INWARD TOWARD BACK OF BLDG, AND ANTEROOM 190 CM DEEP BY 150 CM WIDE OCCUPYING AREA BETWEEN NEW B-13 AND B-12. ACTUAL BATHROOM OCCUPIES REMAINDER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AREA, WITH BATHTUB ON B-14 WALL PARALLEL WITH FRONT OF BLDG. TOILER IN CENTER, AND SINK WITH COUNTER ON B-12 WALL. WINDOW STILL SEALED.

14. AREAS C-01 ENTRY, C-02 CLOSET, C-06 BEDROOM AND C-09 LINEN CLOSET. (SEE ALSO C-09/DOOR TO C-06, REF B.) DEC 13 PLANS DO NOT SIMPLY SWITCH THE DOOR TO C-06 WITH CLOSET C-09 (NOV 18 PLANS) IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH KNOOP'S PLANS. INSTEAD, THE DOOR TO C-06 IS LOCATED AS SHOWN BY KNOOP; BUT THE WIDTH OF C-02 HAS BEEN DECREASED BY 50 CM TO 160 CM, VICE 210 CM (NOV 18 PLANS), AND THE FORMER PARTITION BETWEEN C-02 AND C-01 ON THE STAIRWELL NO 1 SIDE OF C-02 IS NOW A 30 CM-THICK WALL RUNNING STRAIGHT BACK 170 CM TO THE NEW ENTRANCE TO C-06 (SEE ALSO PARA 4, AREA A-03, ABOVE), AND WIDENING THE SPACE IN C-01 BETWEEN THE STAIRWELL NO. 1 SUPPORTING WALL AND THIS NEW PARTITION BY 50 CM, WHICH IS NOW 170 CM, VICE 120 CM (NOV 18 PLANS). THE LINE FORMED BY THE BACK OF CLOSET C-10, BETWEEN C-10 AND C-06, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO RUN FROM THE NEW ENTRY TO C-06 TO THE BACK WALL OF C-02, WHICH CREATES A SMALL, SEALED BOX IN THE AREA WHERE C-09 SHOULD BE.

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15. AREAS C-07 DRESSING AND C-08 BATH. (SEE ALSO II-2, REFS A AND B.) DIMENSIONS OF WHOLE AREA UNCHANGED FROM NOV 18 PLANS, BUT POSITION OF TWO ROOMS NOW REVERSED, WITH C-07 ON OUTSIDE WALL AND C-08 IN INSIDE POSITION. PARTITION SEPARATING TWO ROOMS IS NOW 170 CM FROM OUTSIDE WALL (VICE 250 CM ON NOV 18 PLANS). THE NEW CONFIGURATION OF C-08 IS (STARTING IN C-02/C-06 CORNER AND GOING CLOCKWISE): SHOWER AND THE TWO SINKS (ON C-06 WALL, BATHTUB, AND TOILER (ON C-03 WALL..))

16. AREAS C-13 CLOSET AND C-16 BATH. (SEE ALSO II-1 AND II-2, REFS A AND B.) THESE AREAS ARE NOW THE MIRROR IMAGE OF AREAS B-13 AND B-15 (SEE PARA 13 ABOVE.) WINDOW STILL SEALED.

17. STAIRWELL NO. 2/ELEVATOR. (SEE ALSO II-1, REFS A AND B.) THE SUPPORTING WALLS ON EITHER SIDE OF STAIRWELL NO. 2 SHOWN IN NOV 18 PLANS HAVE NOW BEEN EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL 160 CM, SO THAT THEY NOW RUN 870 CM FROM THE BACK WALL AND STOP FLUSH WITH THE BACK SUPPORTING WALL OF THE ELEVATOR SHAFT.

18. TRASH CHUTE, SECOND FLOOR. (SEE ALSO II-1, REFS A AND B.) THE TRASH CHUTE TUBE IS LOCATED IN THE SAME PLACE AS SHOWN ON NOV 18 PLANS. MOUTH OF CHUTE NOW TURNED TO FACE A-12, WITH DOOR ON THE SIDE OPENING OUT TOWARD FRONT OF BLDG. FRONT PORTION OF NOV 18 TRASH CHUTE ROOM
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NOW PARTITIONED OFF, CREATING CLOSET 150 CM WIDE BY 70 CM DEEP WHICH COULD BE USED AS LINEN CLOSET.

19. TRASH CHUTE, THIRD FLOOR. (SEE ALSO II-1, REFS A AND B.) THE PARTITION SHOWN ON NOV 18 PLANS SEPARATING THE TRASH CHUTE AREA FROM B-16 AND C-15 HAS NOW BEEN WIDENED INTO A 25 CM-THICK WALL. ON THE APT B SIDE, THE TRASH CHUTE HAS NOW BEEN ENCLOSED BY A PARTITION/DOOR

EXTENDING FROM THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE NEW STAIRWELL/ELEVATOR SUPPORTING WALL (SEE ALSO PARA 17 ABOVE) TO THE END OF THIS NEW 25 CM-THICK WALL, WITH THE DOOR FACING B-12 AND OPENING OUT TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE BLDG. ON THE APT C SIDE THE CHUTE IS ENCLOSED BY A PARTITION RUNNING FROM THE CENTER (OF THE WIDTH) OF THE NEW STAIRWELL/ELEVATOR WALL TO THE NEW 25 CM WALL, WITH THE DOOR FACING C-12 AND OPENING INWARD TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE BLDG.

20. KAP COMMENTS: PARAS 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 18, AND 19 SEEM TO CONTAIN REASONABLE SUGGESTIONS. THE REMAINDER DO NOT, IN OUR VIEW, WITH PROPOSAL PARA 14 BEING PARTICULARLY ABSURD.

21. AS DEPT AWARE, SOVIETS URGING EARLY RESPONSE TO KIEV PROPOSALS (HEREIN AS WELL AS REFS A AND B) SUGGESTING ACTUAL RECONSTRUCTION WORK MAY BE HELD UP OTHERWISE. REQUEST DEPT'S RESPONSE ASAP.
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